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SUBJ: IMMINENT COLOMBIAN AGREEMENT WITH COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - SOVIET ECONOMIC PRESS (TASS VESTNIK)
HAS PUBLISHED BRIEF REPORT THAT COLOMBIA WILL SIGN A BILATERAL
AGREEMENT WITH COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CEMA)
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"IN VERY NEAR FUTURE." ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN FORM OF TASS

BOGOTA REPORT OF PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO GDR OLMES TRUJILLO. REPORT QUOTES TRUJILLO AS SAYING THAT AGREEMENT WILL HELP COLOMBIA TO STABILIZE ITS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM AND REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON CAPITALIST MARKETS.

2. SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT WITH COLOMBIA WILL CONSTITUTE FOURTH CEMA BILATERAL WITH A NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY AND THIRD WITH A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. OTHERS NOW IN FORCE ARE WITH FINLAND, IRAQ AND MEXICO. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL - AGREEMENT WAS APPARENTLY REQUESTED BY COLOMBIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTER RAMIREZ OCAMP DURING VISIT TO MOSCOW IN DECEMBER AND WILL BE SIMILAR TO CEMA AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO WHICH CALLS FOR JOINT COMMISSION AND JOINT WORKING GROUPS. SINCE IMPLEMENTATION WILL PROBABLY BE SLOW, EMBASSY BELIEVS IMPACT WILL AT FIRST BE MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC, ALTHOUGH FACT THAT CUBA IS FULL MEMBER OF CEMA COULD EVENTUALLY HAVE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS. END CONFIDENTIAL
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